

**EMT-II REGULATORY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2005
EMS Authority
Sacramento, CA**

I. Introductions

Self-introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT	EMSA STAFF PRESENT	ALTERNATES PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ALTERNATES ABSENT
Debbie Becker Steve Drewniany	Sean Trask Richard Watson	Louis Bruhnke Steve Tharratt	Deb Aspling Cliff Flud	Wes Podboy Stephanie Rasmussen Lawson Stuart
Ron Grider			Lisa Howell	Chet Ward
Kelly Lazarus			Larry Karstead	
Kevin White			Tim Williams	
			Bob May	
			Frank Maas	
			Bonny Martignoni	
		CONFERENCE CALL		
		Ruth Grubb	Kathy Ochoa	
		Bruce Haynes	Ed Pendergast	
		John Pritting	Vicki Stevens	
		Howard Fincher	Janet Terlouw	
		Debbie Bervel		
		Tom McGinnis		

II. Minutes:

- A. Approved with the following changes:
1. Debbie Becker and John Pritting were moved from the Alternates Present column to the Members Present column.
 2. Stephanie Rasmussen was moved from the Members Present column to the Alternates Present column.
 3. Kelly Lazarus and Bob May were added to the Members Absent column because they were inadvertently omitted from the Members Absent column.
 4. Item B. Topics of Instruction for the Scope of Each Module, Subsection 1.- the vote count was corrected to 1 – No and 0 – Abstain.

III. Agenda:

- A. Approved with the following changes:
1. Old Business, New Item A – Director's Comments
 2. Old Business New Item B – Bob May's Comments

IV. Old Business:

A. Director's Comments:

Richard Watson, Interim Director of the EMS Authority, updated the EMT-II Task Force on the unofficial announcement regarding the selection of the new EMS Authority Director, Cesar Aristeiguieta, MD. There was an email message sent out on the EMDAC list server that

announced that Dr. Aristeiguieta has been appointed as Director Watson's successor. Also contained in the email message was a statement that Dr. Aristeiguieta allegedly stated that he was supposed to "clean house" at the EMS Authority. Director Watson spoke to the Health and Human Services Cabinet Secretary, Kim Belshe who stated that neither she nor the Governor's appointment staff were aware of that statement being made. Dr. Aristeiguieta also told Director Watson that he did not make that statement. The official announcement has not been made by the Governor's office on the appointment of Dr. Aristeiguieta. Director Watson will be meeting Dr. Aristeiguieta on June 28 and 29 in Ontario to discuss matters pertinent to the EMS Authority and the new Director including the phenomenal contributions to EMS by members of the EMS Authority's committees such as the EMT-II Task Force. Director Watson will stay at the EMS Authority until Dr. Aristeiguieta arrives.

B. Bob May's Comments:

The Task Force reviewed Bob May's comments on the May 12, 2005 version of the draft EMT-II Regulations.

1. Section 100103 – Recommendation to change the Roman Numeral II to the number 2. No change because the Health and Safety Code specifies EMT-II using a Roman Numeral and Statute takes precedence over Regulation.
2. Section 100106 (b) (1) – Recommendation to maintain endotracheal intubation and asked for clarification that the Combi-Tube is the advanced airway for EMT-IIs. The EMT-II Task Force relies on input from the Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California for scope of practice items including advanced airways. The literature and studies do not support the use of endotracheal intubation by EMT-IIs and EMT-IIs. No change to the draft regulations pertaining to advanced airways.
3. Section (b) (7) – Regarding rural areas do not have necessary paramedics to supervise the EMT-II to manually defibrillate a patient. No change to the draft regulations because existing EMT-II programs may manually defibrillate a patient under the proposed optional skills sections. The Local Optional Scope of Practice allows for EMT-II programs in existence on January 1, 1994 to maintain the current level of service. AEDs are included in the EMT-II Basic scope of practice by virtue of being in the EMT-I basic scope of practice. EMT-IIs with optional skills are able to manually defibrillate.
4. Section (b) (10) (B) – The removal of the use of the Magill Forceps would displace existing scope of practice. As stated in Item 2 above, the medical directors will need to discuss this item at the June 21, 2005 EMDAC meeting and report back to the EMT-II Task Force.
5. Section 100107 (2) – Not sure that the LEMSA can establish policies and procedures for US Government. The Task Force was not sure what the comment was.
6. Section 100109 (b) – Holds a baccalaureate degree or equivalent, what does equivalent mean? The intent of the term equivalent pertains to some managerial level. Include teaching credential in the teaching methodology qualifications. The list of teaching methodology course work is not exhaustive and has room for interpretation.
7. Section 100119 Course hours – Training hours need to be at least 100 hours. The Task Force needs to develop a draft model EMT-II curriculum before the Task Force can establish a minimum number of hours.
8. Section 100123 (I) – Certification should be for four years with documented CEs. The Task Force wishes to keep the certification period consistent with the EMT-I and Paramedic certification period of two years. In terms of deleting quarterly demonstrations of competency, the Task Force agreed to defer this topic.

C. Educational Subcommittee

At the May 12, 2005 Task Force meeting, the Task Force recommended activating the EMS Commission's Educational Technical Advisory Panel to develop a model EMT-II curriculum. After discussing this recommendation the Task Force agreed to review a draft curriculum from John Pritting who has been working on the draft and circulate the draft amongst the Task Force members and have the Task Force members develop the model curriculum.

D. Draft EMT-II Regulations

1. Section 100106 (b) – The Task Force agreed to the recommendation by EMDAC to remove morphine sulfate from the basic scope of practice for two reasons, first EMDAC had a long discussion regarding the basic scope of practice and agreed to the scope in the previous draft, and second, the addition of morphine sulfate to the basic scope could add logistical difficulties because of the DEA rules that need to be followed.
2. Section 100106 (b) – The Task Force members recommended researching the Health and Safety Code to determine if the term “authorized registered nurse” should be included along with the term “MICN”. The Task Force also agreed to delete morphine sulfate from the basic scope of practice because the medical directors had lengthy discussions on the scope of practice and agreed to the original basic scope of practice. The addition of morphine falls outside of the scope of practice that the medical directors agreed to.
3. Section 100106.1 – The Task Force members recommended inserting language specifying the use of the US DOT’s EMT-Intermediate National Standard Curriculum for training topics regarding training EMT-IIs in the Optional Scope of Practice.
4. Section 100119 – Regarding course hours, the Task Force agreed to discuss this topic after the model curriculum is developed.
5. Section 100120 – Regarding course content, the Task Force agreed to replace the course content after the model curriculum is developed.
6. Section 100123 (a) – The Task Force recommended inserting the word “initial” before certification to specify that this section pertains to initial certification versus recertification.
7. Section 100123 (a) (4) – The Task Force recommended deleting the requirement of being at least 18 years of age because an EMT-II needs to possess an current EMT-I certificate which requires that the EMT-I be at least 18 years of age.
8. Section 100123 – The Task Force recommended creating new subsections pertaining to lapsed EMT-II certifications and paramedic licenses for both California and out-of-state EMT-IIs and paramedics.
9. Section 100123 (c) (2) – The Task Force recommended inserting “five ALS contacts” in the prehospital field internship.
10. Section 100123 (c) (3) – The Task Force recommended deleting (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), and (a)(8) and (a)(9) and inserting, “of this section,” to the end of this sentence.
11. Section 100124 – The Task Force recommended deleting the language in this section which is covered in Chapter 11 of Title 22 regarding continuing education. The Section will be retained and used for different language.

E. National Scope of Practice Model

The Task Force was asked if there were any additional comments that the Task Force would like Dan Smiley to take back to Washington, DC for the National Scope of Practice Model discussions. There were no additional comments from the Task Force.

F. Role and mission of EMT-II

The Task Force wishes to defer this topic until the Task Force progresses with the draft EMT-II Regulations. This item will remain on the agenda as a standing item.

V. Discussion

- A. Review of Action Items: The EMS Authority will make the recommended amendments to the draft Chapter of EMT-II Regulations and forward to the Task Force members as soon as the amendments are made.
- B. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Task Force will be July 14, 2005 in Rancho Cucamonga at the Rancho Cucamonga City Hall.
- C. Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned.

Recorder: Sean Trask